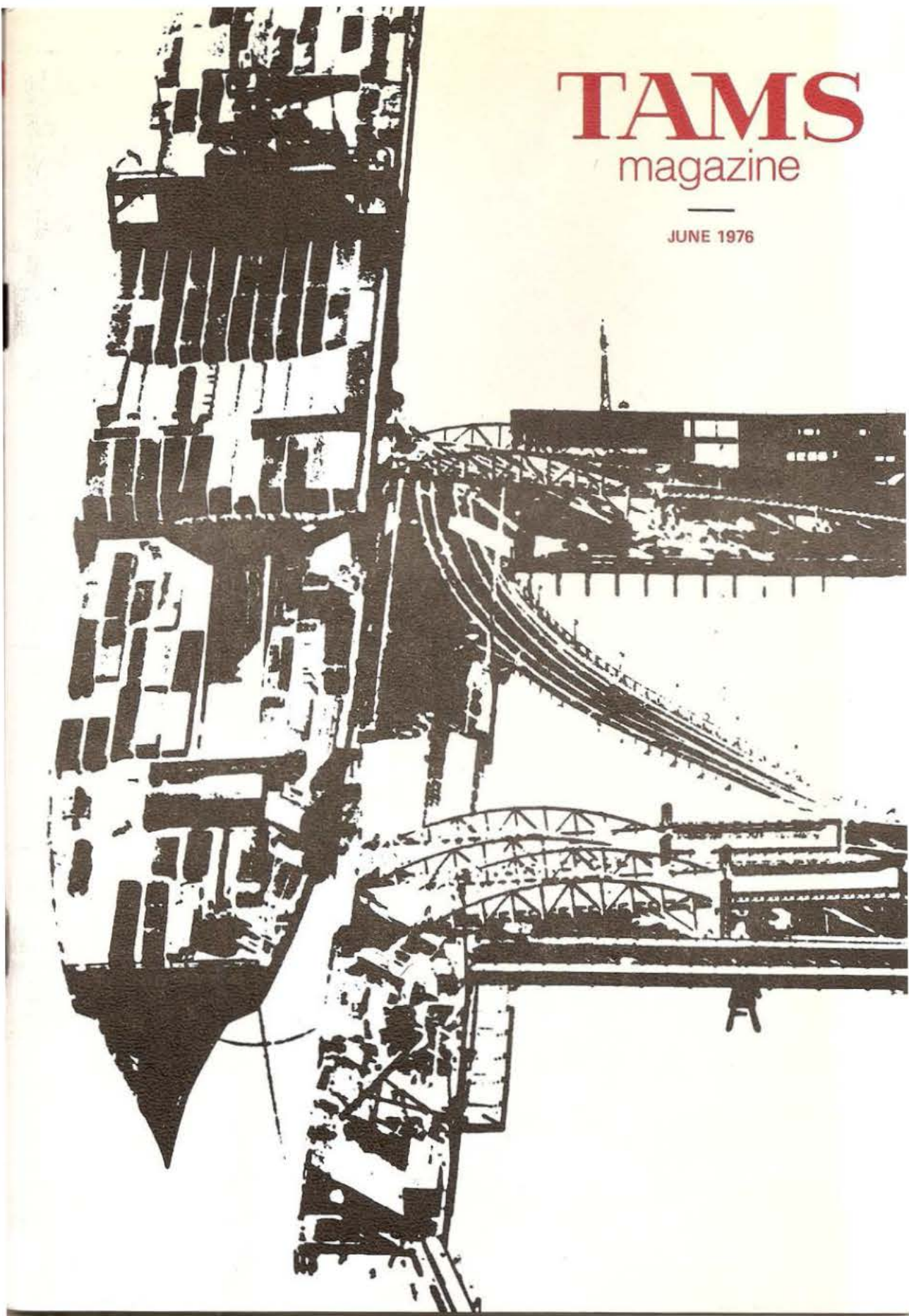


This issue of *TAMS Magazine* is devoted to a single project — the Anchorage Marine Terminal. Our pride in this project is shared by others; it recently won the "Grand Conceptor Award" in the 1976 Engineering Excellence Awards competition sponsored by the American Consulting Engineers Council.

Our story tells some of the difficulties of designing a pier in an area with extremes in climate, high tidal ranges and poor foundation conditions, in the middle of an earthquake zone. We also report on some of the men who carried out the design and construction of this facility.

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TAMS WINS A.C.E.C. GRAND CONCEPTOR AWARD FOR ANCHORAGE MARINE TERMINAL

The "Grand Conceptor Award," the highest honor accorded by the American Consulting Engineers Council for excellence in engineering, was bestowed on TAMS this year for its work on the Anchorage Marine Terminal.

In its annual awards program, the A.C.E.C. cited 15 engineering projects across the nation for meritorious engineering achievement, ingenuity and contribution to technical, economic and social advancement in engineering design. As the most outstanding of the 15 prize-winning projects, the Anchorage Marine Terminal was honored with the Grand Conceptor Award.

This year 82 entries from engineering firms throughout the U.S.A. vied for the Grand Conceptor Award. Each entry had already won an award from a state or regional association of the A.C.E.C. for engineering excellence.

Accepting the Grand Conceptor trophy at the A.C.E.C. awards luncheon on May 21, 1976 at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D.C. were E. Erwin Davis, Director of the Department of Transportation for the Municipality of Anchorage, Austin E. Brant Jr., Executive Vice President, and Philip Perdichizzi, Vice President of Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton, P.C. (Alaska).

The distinguished panel of judges consisted of representatives of the government, major industrial corporations and universities. Chairing the panel was Rear Admiral Kenneth P. Sears, Director of Construction Operations and Facilities Management for the United States Navy.

